

McIlroy ends season with a \$15 million bang

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ATLANTA — Rory McIlroy marched to the 18th green Sunday at East Lake with victory in hand and \$15 million in the bank.

Even better was what he saw — and heard — behind him.

The scene was all too familiar. The gallery ducked under the ropes and rushed to encircle the green to watch the finish of a class performance in the Tour Championship. Before long, the chants began to ring out: “Rory! Rory! Rory!”

This time, McIlroy had the stage to himself.

A mere bystander last year amid the chaotic celebration of Tiger Woods’ return to victory, McIlroy soaked up the perfect ending to a solid year when he surged past Brooks Koepka, held off Xander Schauffele and captured the FedEx Cup and the richest payoff in golf.

Turning to Harry Diamond, his caddie and best friend, McIlroy told him, “This walk is a little more pleasant than last year.”

He closed with a 4-under 66 to finish four shots ahead of Schauffele, joining Woods as the only players to win the FedEx Cup

twice.

“Any time you can do something that only Tiger has done, you’re doing something right,” McIlroy said.

There was so much more than \$15 million — \$14 million in cash, \$1 million deferred — to this victory.

Regardless of the new format that gave some players a head start to par depending on their FedEx Cup ranking — McIlroy began five shots behind before the tournament started — he wanted to post the lowest score of anyone in the 30-man field.

He shot 13-under 267, the best by three shots.

And when he was paired with Koepka in the final group Sunday, it was a chance for atonement. A month ago, McIlroy laid an egg in the final group at a World Golf Championship, just like he did with Woods the year before at East Lake.

“I thought a lot about that,” McIlroy said. “I thought about the final group with Tiger last year, the final group with Brooks in Memphis a few weeks ago, and I really wanted to go out there and play well and really take it to him, and I did that.”

The final round turned on the seventh hole with a three-shot swing — McIlroy made a 25-foot

birdie, while Koepka lost his tee shot in the trees and made double bogey. There were consecutive two-shot swings on the back nine, and then it was a matter of holding off Schauffele.

McIlroy was four shots ahead until back-to-back bogeys, and he was on the verge of watching his lead shrink to one when he holed an 8-foot par putt on the 16th. Schauffele had to settle for pars, and McIlroy finished with a flourish.

He was the only player to break par all four days.

Schauffele closed with a 70 to finish alone in second, which paid out \$5 million.

SCOREBOARD

Local schedule

Monday, Aug. 26
Girls Golf
Southridge at Tell City, 5 p.m.
Boys Soccer
Northeast Dubois vs. Mitchell, 6 p.m.
Jasper vs. Boonville, 6:30 p.m.
Southridge vs. Shoals, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Jasper at Boonville, 5 p.m.
Southridge vs. Shoals, 5:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis
Northeast Dubois vs. Loogootee, 4:30 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Evansville North, 5:30 p.m.
Forest Park vs. Tell City, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball
Northeast Dubois vs. Tecumseh, 7:30 p.m.
Forest Park at South Spencer, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 27
Cross Country
Northeast Dubois at Paoli, 4:30 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Southridge Invite, 5:30 p.m.
Girls Golf
Heritage Hills at Southridge, 5 p.m.
Forest Park at Vincennes Lincoln (CCOV), 5 p.m.
Boys Soccer
Southridge at Forest Park, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Southridge at Tell City, 5:30 p.m.
Forest Park at Providence, 6 p.m.
Boys Tennis
Jasper at Boonville, 5 p.m.
Forest Park at Crawford County, 5 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Evansville Bosse, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball
Southridge vs. Princeton, 8 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Jasper, 7:30 p.m.
Forest Park vs. Mater Dei, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 28
Boys Tennis
Northeast Dubois vs. Barr-Reeve, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 29
Girls Golf
Jasper at Washington (Country Oaks), 4:30 p.m.
Gibson Southern at Southridge, 5 p.m.
Heritage Hills vs. Tell City, 5 p.m.
Forest Park at South Spencer (Rustic CC), 5:30 p.m.
Boys Soccer
Forest Park vs. Vincennes Rivet, 6 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Mater Dei, 6 p.m.
Jasper vs. Evansville Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
Southridge at Mitchell, 6:30 p.m.
Northeast Dubois vs. Washington Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Southridge at Mitchell, 6 p.m.
Jasper at Princeton, 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Hills at Mater Dei, 6:30 p.m.
Northeast Dubois vs. Washington Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis
Southridge at North Posey, 5:30 p.m.
Heritage Hills vs. Gibson Southern, 5:30 p.m.
Jasper at Floyd Central, 5:30 p.m.
NED at Wood Memorial, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball
Southridge vs. Boonville, 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Hills vs. Evansville North, 7:30 p.m.
Northeast Dubois vs. North Knox, 7:30 p.m.
Forest Park vs. Crawford County, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 30
Cross Country
Southridge at Jasper, 8 p.m.
Football
Heritage Hills at Tell City, 7 p.m.
Southridge at Jasper, 7:30 p.m.
Forest Park vs. Perry Central, 7:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis
Jasper Invite, 9 a.m.
Heritage Hills at Loogootee, 10:30 a.m.
Volleyball
Jasper at Scottsburg Invite, 9 a.m.
Forest Park at Vincennes Lincoln Invite, 9 a.m.
Southridge at Perry Central Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Heritage Hills at Boonville Invite, 10 a.m.

Miami	47	82	.364	31½
Central Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis	71	58	.550	—
Chicago	69	61	.531	2½
Milwaukee	67	63	.515	4½
Cincinnati	60	69	.465	11
Pittsburgh	55	75	.423	16½
West Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	86	46	.652	—
San Francisco	65	65	.500	20
Arizona	65	66	.496	20½
San Diego	60	69	.465	24½
Colorado	58	73	.443	27½

Saturday's Games
Washington 7, Chicago Cubs 2
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Philadelphia 9, Miami 3
Pittsburgh 14, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 6, Colorado 0
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 5
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 0
Boston 5, San Diego 4
San Francisco 10, Oakland 5

Sunday's Games
Miami 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 9, Cincinnati 8
St. Louis 11, Colorado 4
Arizona 5, Milwaukee 2
Washington 7, Chicago Cubs 5, 11 innings
San Diego 3, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
San Francisco 5, Oakland 4

Monday's Games
Atlanta (Teheran 8-8) at Colorado (TBD), ppd.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 8-12) at Philadelphia (Vargas 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 9-9) at Milwaukee (González 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Gray 9-6) at Miami (Smith 8-7), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Young 5-3) at San Francisco (Beede 3-7), 9:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (May 1-2) at San Diego (Lauer 6-8), 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Boston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	85	47	.644	—
Tampa Bay	76	56	.576	9
Boston	70	62	.530	15
Toronto	53	80	.398	32½
Baltimore	43	88	.328	41½

Central Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	79	51	.608	—
Cleveland	76	55	.580	3½
Chicago	60	70	.462	19
Kansas City	46	85	.351	33½
Detroit	39	89	.305	39

West Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	85	47	.644	—
Oakland	74	55	.574	9½
Texas	64	68	.485	21
Los Angeles	63	70	.474	22½
Seattle	56	75	.427	28½

Saturday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 1
Houston 5, L.A. Angels 2
Texas 4, Chicago White Sox 0
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 8, Detroit 5
Boston 5, San Diego 4
Toronto 7, Seattle 5
San Francisco 10, Oakland 5

Sunday's Games
Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 8, 10 innings
Minnesota 7, Detroit 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Texas 0
Houston 11, L.A. Angels 2
Seattle 3, Toronto 1
San Diego 3, Boston 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
San Francisco 5, Oakland 4

Monday's Games
Oakland (Bailey 11-8) at Kansas City (Keller 7-13), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 10-8) at Seattle (TBD), 10:10 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Baltimore at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

Boston at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Pro football

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	63	23
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	75	50
Miami	2	1	0	.667	70	50
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	57	69
South						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	50	50
Houston	1	2	0	.333	56	85
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	51	72
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	17	75
North						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	65	41
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	81	28
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	63	41
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	63	76
West						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Oakland	3	0	0	1.000	69	50
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	62	61
Denver	1	3	0	.250	49	66
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	45	59

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	88	58
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	57	27
Washington	1	2	0	.333	42	60
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	49	63
South						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	57	56
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	72	64
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	40	50
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	54	89
North						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	79	53
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	62	74
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	53	72
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	46	85
West						
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	68	41
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	64	54
L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333	23	34
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	52	66

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Giants 25, Cincinnati 23
Washington 19, Atlanta 7
New England 10, Carolina 3
Baltimore 26, Philadelphia 15
Miami 22, Jacksonville 7
Oakland 22, Green Bay 21

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay 13, Cleveland 12
Buffalo 24, Detroit 20
Saturday's Games
Minnesota 20, Arizona 9
Chicago 27, Indianapolis 17
Dallas 34, Houston 0
San Francisco 27, Kansas City 17
New Orleans 28, N.Y. Jets 13
L.A. Rams 10, Denver 6
Seattle 23, L.A. Chargers 15

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 18, Tennessee 6
Thursday, Aug. 29
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Houston, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

Deals
■ SUNDAY'S SPORTS TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed LHP John Means on the family medical emergency list. Recalled RHP Tayler Scott from Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated LHP Juice Fry from the paternity list. Optioned RHP José Ruiz to Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed 3B José Ramírez on the 10-day IL. Recalled INF Yu Chang from Columbus (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled LHP Framber Valdez from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned RHP Cy Sneed to Round Rock.



SARAH ANN JUMP/THE HERALD

Forest Park's Makayla McKim hits the ball during Saturday's Wildcat Invitational golf tournament at Buffalo Trace Golf Course in Jasper.

Invite

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Schneider for a fourth-place finish.

Both Ackerman and Schneider were within striking distance of Bennett at the turn.

All three golfers were paired together, with Bennett carrying a 4-shot lead over both local players with a 41.

Ackerman and Schneider closed the gap by a stroke, as both carded pars on No. 10, while Ackerman picked up another stroke on No. 11.

After finding the fairway with her tee shot on No. 11, Schneider's second shot drifted out of bounds, and she ended up losing two strokes to Bennett.

After both Bennett and Ackerman carded pars on No. 12, the Spring Valley golfer started to open the gap on No. 13.

Ackerman's second shot found a water hazard, and she lost three strokes to Bennett.

"I put myself in some hard situations today," Ackerman said. "I thought I probably could have played better."

Schneider picked up a little momentum as she stuck her ap-

proach shot, from 125 yards out, to within 10 feet of the cup. She then sank her birdie putt for her second birdie of the day.

The Lady Raider also carded a birdie on the 280-yard Par 4 No. 6 on the front side.

Bennett staved off any chance of a run by Ackerman or Schneider by not carding anything over a bogey the rest of the round, including back-to-back pars to wrap up her tournament.

Ackerman finished her round with seven pars.

"I was hoping to break 90 today, but I am still OK with my score," she said.

Schneider finished with two birdies and two pars.

Avery Bartley and Anna Schmitt rounded out the scoring for Jasper with 100 and 103, respectively.

Meredith Heim carded a 110 for the Raiders, while Isabel Morrison (122) and Emma Marley (117) rounded out the scoring for Southridge.

Forest Park was led by Maya Jones' 112.

Makayla McKim (116), Grace Wendolt (118) and Kelsie Jacob (120) rounded out the scoring for the Lady Rangers.

Jones and Jacob started the day as Forest Park's No. 5 and No. 6 golfers, respectively.